Hearing Aids & Your Phone

Many newer hearing aids talk straight to your phone. Calls, music, and videos can play directly into your hearing aids — no holding the phone to your ear. Whether yours can depends on the hearing aid model, so check with your audiologist first.

Pair your hearing aids with your phone

1. iPhone: open Settings → Accessibility → Hearing Devices. Android: open Settings → Connected devices, and pair them like any Bluetooth gadget (some Android phones also list them under Settings → Accessibility → Hearing devices).
2. Put your hearing aids in pairing mode. On most models, open and close the battery doors; on rechargeable ones, turn them off and back on (or lift them out of the charger).
3. Keep them close to the phone while it searches. Tap their name when it appears, and tap Pair. You may get one request per ear — confirm both.
4. Give it up to a minute. You only pair once; after that they reconnect on their own whenever they are on.

Streaming calls and music straight to hearing aids needs a phone and hearing aids that support it (Apple calls it Made for iPhone; Android calls it ASHA). Older hearing aids can still pair for volume and settings, but the sound itself may still come from the phone speaker — your audiologist can tell you what yours supports.

Helpful hearing tools already on your phone

- Live Captions: spoken words appear as text on your screen — handy for video calls and videos. iPhone: Settings → Accessibility → Live Captions. Samsung: Settings → Accessibility → Hearing enhancements → Live Caption.
- Live Listen (iPhone): turns your iPhone into a microphone that sends sound to your hearing aids — useful across a noisy dinner table.
- Louder ringing: if you miss calls, open Settings → Sound and turn the ringer up, and turn on vibration so you feel it too.

When to call Sean instead

- Your hearing aids will not pair, or they paired once and keep dropping.
- Calls go to the phone speaker instead of your hearing aids.
- You are shopping for a new phone and want one that works well with your hearing aids.
- Anything about the hearing aids themselves (fit, feedback, whistling) — that is your audiologist's job, not mine.

Need a hand? Call Sean at **(813) 770-6082**.